

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A software architecture at a target computer is provided in which it is desired to trigger execution of target processes by an agent process which receives operation specifying data which has been autonomously generated by an initiating computer. The agent process parses this operation specifying data, which may be XML data, to identify the target processes concerned. The target processes are independent of the agent process and the agent process triggers their operation and passes any required parameter data to them. The target processes may also return data to the initiating  
10 computer via the agent process and embedded within the XML data structure.

[Figure 1]